AmeriCorps Rulemaking - Tell Us What You Think

The Corporation for National and Community Service has issued a proposed rule for the AmeriCorps State and National program. The rule aims to make the AmeriCorps program stronger, increase its stability and predictability, and position it for continued growth. The proposed rule was drafted after extensive input during a public comment period in the spring in which more than 500 individuals and organizations shared their views. Now we want to know what you think about the proposed rule. Over the next 60 days there will be multiple opportunities for you to share your views through public meetings, conference calls, and written comments.

Public Meetings

The Corporation will hold five public meetings for individuals to share their views on the proposed rule with top Corporation officials. Please register in advance so that we can provide enough space to accommodate everyone. If you would like to speak, please arrive early to sign up. You can register online for the individual meeting of your choice by clicking on the meeting location below. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may register by phone by calling Angela Martin at 202-606-5000 x448.

Sept. 22 Philadelphia, PA 9:30 am – 12pm Register for the Philadelphia, PA meeting

Marriott Philadelphia Downtown 1201 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-625-2900

- Sept. 23 Atlanta, GA 9:30 am 12pm Register for the Atlanta, GA meeting Marriott Atlanta Northwest 200 Interstate North Parkway Atlanta, GA 770-952-7900
- Sept. 27 Portland, OR 9:30 am 12pm Register for the Portland, OR meeting
 Portland State University
 Smith Memorial Center (3rd Floor)
 1825 S. W. Broadway
 Portland, OR 97201
- Sept. 28 Denver, CO 9:30 am 12pm Register for the Denver, CO meeting Marriott Denver City Center 1701 California St.
 Denver, CO 80202 303-297-1300
- Oct. 1 Chicago, IL 9:30 am 12pm Register for the Chicago, IL meeting
 Sheraton Gateway Suites O'Hare
 6501 North Manheim Road
 Rosemont, IL 60018
 847-699-6300

Conference Calls

August 19, 2004

1:00pm – 3:00pm Eastern Standard Time Conference Number 1302887 Passcode MARTIN

The purpose of this first call is to explain and clarify the proposed rule. Please email your questions in advance to swashburn@cns.gov.

• September 10, 2004

1:00pm – 3:00pm Eastern Standard Time

Conference Number: 1620076

Passcode: MARTIN

October 7, 2004

1:00 – 3:00 Eastern Standard Time Conference Number: 1307884

Pass code: MARTIN

To participate in these calls, please go to www.mymeetings.com and click RSVP Now in small print under Join Event. Please key in the conference number and pass code as listed above. The pass code for registration must be typed exactly as shown. Call signup is on a first come first serve basis. We will email you the conference call in number and pass code the morning of the conference call.

Written Comments

We invite you to submit comments about the proposed rule. To ensure that your comments are considered, they must reach the Corporation on or before October 12, 2004. We urge you to identify clearly the specific section or sections of the proposed rule that each comment addresses and to arrange your comments in the same order as the proposed rule. You may submit your written comments via the following:

- by e-mail to <u>proposedrule@cns.gov</u>, or through the Federal Government's onestop rulemaking website at <u>www.regulations.gov</u>.
- by fax to Kim Mansaray, AmeriCorps Rulemaking Docket Manager at 202-565-2767.
- by letter to: Corporation for National and Community Service, attention Kim Mansaray, AmeriCorps Rulemaking Docket Manager, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Room 8417, Washington, D.C. 20525.
- by hand delivery or courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 6010 at the mail address listed above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Due to continued delays in the Corporation's receipt of mail, we strongly encourage responses via e-mail or fax. If you have questions you may contact Angela Martin at 202-606-5000, x448 or amartin@cns.gov. The TDD/TTY number is 202-565-2799.